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DUBLIN MAN ARRAIGNED ON BANKRUPTCY FRAUD CHARGES

Lisa Godbey Wood, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Georgia, announced today that **Charlie J. Greer, Jr., of Dublin, Georgia** was arraigned in U.S. District court in Dublin on November 2, 2006 on charges of bankruptcy fraud in an indictment returned by a federal grand jury sitting in Savannah, Georgia on October 12, 2006.

The indictment charges that Mr. Greer knowingly and fraudulently concealed assets from his creditors and the United States Trustee by failing to list in his bankruptcy petition bank accounts and proceeds from real estate transactions totaling more than \$90,000. Mr. Greer entered a plea of not guilty at his arraignment.

The maximum statutory penalty for bankruptcy fraud, upon conviction, is five years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

Wood emphasized that an indictment is only an accusation and is not evidence of guilt. The defendant is entitled to a fair trial, during which it will be the Government's burden to prove his guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The case is being investigated by the Dublin office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, and Special Agent Robert Jones is the lead case agent. The United States is represented by Assistant United States Attorney Jay Weimer.

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